

Docket Number: 020826-0315210
Client Reference: 702423-US

10/527667
DT Sec'd PCT/PTO 11 MAR 2005
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of MARK WERNER et al. Group Art Unit:

Application No.: TO BE ASSIGNED

Examiner: Unknown

Filed: March 10, 2005

Confirmation No.: Unknown

For: CROSS MEMBER FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the reference(s) listed on the attached PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the reference(s) be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner return an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to Applicants with the next Office communication to indicate that the reference(s) has been considered, per MPEP § 609.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.

The references were cited in the International Search Report. An English language version of the International Search Report is submitted herewith for the Examiner's information.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas P. Hilliard
Registration Number 40330
Customer Number: 00909

Date: March 11, 2005
PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP
Telephone: (703) 905-2000
Facsimile: (703) 905-2500
P.O. Box 10500
McLean, VA 22102

DT10 Rec'd PCT/PTO 11 MAR 2005

PTO/SB/08a (08-03)
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031
Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	1
-------	---	----	---

Complete if Known

Application Number	
Filing Date	03/07/2005
First Named Inventor	Mark WERNER
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	Unknown
Attorney Docket Number	020826-0315210

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

[illegible]

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	†
		Country Code ² -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
		DE 19822731	Nov. 25, 1999	GUNTHER et al.		
		DE 10023506	Oct. 25, 2001	KREBS et al.		
		EP 1270374	Jan. 2, 2003	BOVIO et al.		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document to which the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

ALL REFERENCES CONSIDERED EXCEPT WHERE LINED THROUGH. /J.S./